

103rd Arizona Town Hall

“Strong Start – Early Education in Arizona
Grand Canyon, Arizona
November 3-6, 2013



What is Arizona Town Hall?

“Arizona Town Hall is an independent nonprofit membership organization that identifies critical issues facing Arizona, creates the forum for education and exploration of the topic, and fosters leadership development.”

WOW what a process!!!!

Panel Discussions

Creation of the Draft Recommendations Report

Plenary Session

Focus of 103rd Town Hall

- Children 0-8
- Formal teaching of these children outside the family and in settings outside the home
- Reflection on the current status of Arizona's young children

Background Report

AZ ranks 48th in preschool education

27 % of the state's children live in poverty, with even higher rates for Native American children

75 % of Arizona 4th graders not proficient in reading, making the state 45th out of 50 states

The only state with the number of children in foster care rising; 14,600 and counting

The Report

Introduction

Setting the Stage

Content, Caregivers,
and the Classroom

Roles and Resources

Getting There: Setting
Priorities and Taking
Action

Individual Call To
Action

- Funding
- Fragmented Systems
- Assessment
- Accountability
- High Quality
- Coordinating Partnerships
- Role of Government (twofold)
- Cohesive Vision/Consistent Standards
- Collaboration
- Media
- Recruit, develop and retain
- Individual Responsibility

Highlights

Adele Diamond

Avoid having children have failure experiences

Native Language #!

Little boys!!

Hands on Learning

Caring Relationships

Expectations

Less is more

Inclusion

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

And so much more!!!!

Rob Grunewald

Population

Job Growth

Early investments yield a high public return

Benefits sustain into adulthood

Key Investments:

Home Visitation, Preschool, Quality Childcare, Parent Education and Health Care

Role of Public Private Partnerships

More Highlights



Treat people as if they were what
they ought to be and you help
them become what they are
capable of being. Johann W. van Goethe

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